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The Cancer Information Service of the Rocky Mountain Region is a program of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) serving the states of Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming in cooperation with Penrose-St. Francis Health Services.

### Selected NCI Press Releases / NewsCenter Items

Available at http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter/.

- New Study Shows That Being Overweight at Middle Age Can Be Harmful (8/22/06)
- President Bush Announces His Intention to Appoint John E. Niederhuber the 13th Director of the National Cancer Institute (8/15/06)
- Most Americans Do Not Know When or How Often To Get Cancer Screening Tests (8/3/06)
- Scientists Develop New Model for Estimating Risk of Melanoma (8/1/2006)

### **NCI Fact Sheet Collection**

**New, revised and reviewed titles.** Available at <a href="http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/">http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/</a>.

- Human Papillomavirus Vaccines: Questions and Answers (FS 4.21, 7/24/06)
- Financial Resources for People With Cancer (FS 8.3, 8/7/06)
- Las vacunas contra los virus del papiloma humano: preguntas y respuestas (FS 4.21s, 7/17/06)
- Los virus del papiloma humano y el cáncer: preguntas y respuestas (FS 3.20s, 7/12/06)
- Preventive Mastectomy: Questions and Answers (FS 7.5, 7/27/06)

### Ask the CIS Column

Short, easy-to-read columns based on the latest cancer information from NCI, in question-and-answer format for newsletters and other publications. Please contact your Partnership Program Coordinator for Promotions, to access full columns. (Contact information is on page 4.) This month's topics are:

- Tips for selecting a prostate cancer treatment
- Factors to consider when choosing a doctor for treatment
- Strategies for reducing anxiety associated with quitting smoking

### Other Items of Interest

- Gene Test Predicts Lung Cancer Outcome (8/9/06)
- http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory\_37149.html
- Screen for Life Campaign: New TV PSAs
   Feature Diane Keaton! (8/4/06)
   http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/what\_cdc\_i
   s\_doing/sfl/
- FDA Approves Oncaspar for Newly-Diagnosed Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (7/24/06) <a href="http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW01419.html">http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW01419.html</a>
- FDA Approves a New Over-the-Counter Sunscreen Product (7/24/06) <a href="http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW01417">http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW01417</a>.html

### **National Health Observances**

The National Health Observances calendar comes from the National Health Information Center Web site:

http://www.healthfinder.gov/library/nho/nho.asp?year = 2006

### September cancer-related observances:

Childhood Cancer Month Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Month Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

### Looking ahead to October observances:

Healthy Lung Month Lung Health Day (October 25) National Breast Cancer Awareness Month National Mammography Day (October 20)

#### Online Service - LiveHelp

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(1-800-422-6237) or visit <a href="http://www.cancer.gov">http://www.cancer.gov</a>

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### **National Events of Interest**

"Quality of Life Through Roots of Strength" -National Conference for Native American Cancer Survivors, Family Members, Caretakers, and Medical Providers

**Sponsor:** Native American Cancer Research Corporation and Native People's Circle of Hope

Dates: September 21-24, 2006

Location: Radisson Hotel-Stapleton Plaza, Denver, CO Registration and Contact: Conference fee: \$210.00 if paid before August 21, 2006; \$250 thereafter. Contact Celeste Whitewolf at 503-245-2253 or by e-mail at npcoh@spiritone.org, or visit http://www.nativepeoplescoh.org/Native\_People's\_Circle\_ of Hope/Roots of Strength.htm for full conference information, including the agenda and registration form (online registration available).

3rd Biennial Cancer Survivorship Research Conference-Cancer Survivorship: Embracing the

Sponsors: NCI's Office of Cancer Survivorship, American Cancer Society, and the Lance Armstrong Foundation

Dates: October 4-6, 2006

Location: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference

Center, Bethesda, MD

Registration and Contact: No fee. Full details, including the agenda and contact information, are provided at http://www.blsmeetings.net/Survivorship06/gen.htm. Online registration is available.

Summary: Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the future directions of cancer survivorship research, advances in e-health and communications, challenges to follow-up care for cancer survivors, understanding and fulfilling the needs of cancer caregivers and families, and reviewing research and strategies to address health disparities in cancer survivorship. Conference attendees will include researchers in biomedical and behavioral science, health care professionals, scientists, graduate students in health-related sciences, community-based advocates, state public health planners, and cancer survivors and their families.

40th Annual American Association for Cancer Education (AACE) Meeting: Innovative Interventions and Methods in Cancer Education

Sponsors: American Association for Cancer Education, University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine

Dates: October 12-14, 2006

Location: Catamaran Resort Hotel on Mission Bay, San

Diego, CA

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Registration and Contact: Different fees for members. non-members and students. Register by Sept. 12, 2006 for early bird rates at conference and hotel. Complete details about the conference and online registration available at http://aace.cpsonline.info/. Additional contacts can be made via e-mail at ocme@ucsd.edu or phone at 858-534-3940.

Summary: Cancer education plays a key role in the dissemination and implementation of cancer prevention, treatment and palliation. Topics on the agenda of the conference include cancer prevention, treatment, supportive cancer care, palliative cancer care, cancer research, sources of support for education and research, and the design, development, implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of cancer education programs.

3rd Annual Spit Tobacco Summit-Advancing Understanding and Building Collaboration updated

Sponsor: Mayo Clinic Dates: October 16-18, 2006

Location: Siebens Building, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Contact: The Mayo School of Continuing Medical Education, phone 800-323-2688 or e-mail

cme@mayo.edu. Full conference details available online at http://www.mayo.edu/cme/rch-courses.html.

**Summary:** This meeting is designed to bring together individuals from a variety of disciplines interested in smokeless tobacco. This includes tobacco treatment specialists, basic scientists, population researchers, clinical trialists, physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, advocacy groups, tobacco prevention and control administrators, youth advocates, and Native American and Alaska Native tribal tobacco prevention and treatment service providers. Topics will cover a range of interests pertaining to the smokeless tobacco field: research. clinical treatment, health risks, community approaches to treatment and prevention, building partnerships, and addressing health disparities. Interdisciplinary collaborations will be fostered and critical areas for advancing the field will be outlined.

NIH Conference on Understanding and Reducing Disparities in Health: Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Contributions

Sponsors: National Institutes of Health Office of Behavioral and Social Research

Dates: October 23-24, 2006

Location: Natcher Conference Center, NIH Campus,

Bethesda, MD

Registration and Contact: No fee. The full agenda and contact information are provided at

http://obssr.od.nih.gov/HealthDisparities/index.html.

Online registration is available.

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### **National Events of Interest** (continued)

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**Summary:** The conference will focus on three broad areas influencing health disparities: policy, prevention, and health care. It will emphasize basic research on the behavioral, social, and biomedical pathways giving rise to disparities in health, as well as applied research on the development, testing, and delivery of interventions to reduce disparities in these three areas.

16th Annual Cancer Patient Education Network Meeting–Gateway To The Future: Expanding Patient Education

**Sponsors:** Cancer Patient Education Network (CPEN), Siteman Cancer Center, Barnes Jewish Hospital and

Washington University

**Dates:** October 25-28, 2006

Location: Siteman Cancer Center, St. Louis, MO

**Registration and Contact:** Different fees for members and non-members. Register before Sept. 15, 2006 for early bird rates. Full details, including the agenda and contact information are available at

http://www.cancerpatienteducation.org/.

**Summary:** This national educational conference will address the multidisciplinary opportunities, challenges, and approaches to educating oncology patients and their caregivers. The conference is designed to present evidence-based strategies to meet the educational needs of cancer patients and their caregivers and to identify educational interventions that address the issues impacting cancer patients and their caregivers across the cancer continuum.

### **❖ LIVESTRONG Summit**

Sponsor: The Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF)

Dates: October 27-29, 2006

Location: Austin, TX

**Registration:** Through an application process, the LAF will identify approximately 1,000 current and potential leaders who are willing to champion the cancer cause in their local communities. Summit participants are responsible for a \$115 conference fee; some financial assistance may be available. Anyone who has been affected by cancer and is interested in participating in the LIVE**STRONG** Summit may apply at <a href="http://www.livestrong.org/summit">http://www.livestrong.org/summit</a>.

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Summary: The LAF's inaugural LIVESTRONG Summit is a three-day event to organize, inspire and direct the efforts of cancer survivors from across the country to change the face of cancer survivorship. The LIVESTRONG Summit is a call to action to develop goals and action plans to raise awareness and effect change around the needs of cancer survivors. After the LIVESTRONG Summit, participants will apply the action plans in their own communities and nationwide.

SOPHE 57th Annual Meeting: Health as a Human Right-Health Education, Equality and Social Justice for All

**Sponsor:** Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE)

Dates: November 2-5, 2006

Location: Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, MA

**Registration:** Early bird registration deadline is Sept. 8, 2006. See link below for registration and preliminary information about the annual meeting.

http://www.sophe.org/singlenews.asp?item ID=3842

**Summary:** This conference will examine the reciprocal influences of health and human rights, including the impact public health programs and policies have on human rights and health disparities, the consequences human rights violations have on health, the importance of health in realizing human rights, and the ways in which health educators can ensure that human rights are integrated into public health strategies to eliminate disparities.

American Public Health Association 134th Annual Meeting and Exposition: Public Health and Human Rights

**Sponsor:** American Public Health Association (APHA)

Dates: November 4-8, 2006

Location: Boston Convention and Exhibition Center,

Boston, MA

**Registration and Contact:** Registration fees differ for members, non-members and students. Complete details, including the full agenda and registration information are available at http://www.apha.org/meetings/.

**Summary:** The APHA Annual Meeting will examine health and human rights from multiple perspectives, including social sciences and natural and quantitative sciences. It will explore human rights issues in the areas of employment, healthcare, security, race, reproductive rights and mental health. This interdisciplinary approach evaluates the complex issues at the intersection of health and human rights and enables more promising solutions and employs more accurate evaluation techniques.

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### National Funding Opportunities – New listings



Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-06-520 – Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R03)

\*\*Release Date: August 10, 2006 \*\*Application Receipt Date: September 22, 2006; until 2009

**Summary:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages investigators to submit research grant applications that will identify, develop, and refine effective and efficient methods, structures, and strategies that test models to disseminate and implement research-tested health behavior change interventions and evidence-based prevention, early detection, diagnostic, treatment, and quality of life improvement services into public health and clinical practice settings. For details, visit <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-520.html">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-520.html</a>.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-06-521 – Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R21)

Release Date: August 10, 2006

Application Receipt Date: September 22, 2006; until 2009

**Summary:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages investigators to submit research grant applications that will identify, develop, and refine effective and efficient methods, structures, and strategies that test models to disseminate and implement research-tested health behavior change interventions and evidence-based prevention, early detection, diagnostic, treatment, and quality of life improvement services into public health and clinical practice settings. This FOA will use the NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award (R21) mechanism and runs in parallel with an FOA of identical scientific scope (PAR-06-520) that will utilize the small research project grant (R03) mechanism. For details, visit <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-521.html">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-521.html</a>.

### Previously listed funding opportunities

Funding opportunities are listed one time only, due to space constraints. We can provide listings published in previous newsletters upon request.

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